

Banks.

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Authorized Capital 1,000,000
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Hongkong, 16th November, 1893.

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JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong, 1893.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAEELS 600,000 \$833,333.33-0
EQUAL TO 3,188,000.00-0

RESERVE FUND 3,188,000.00-0

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HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1893.

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HEAD OFFICE, No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, Hongkong, 24th November, 1893.

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TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received in this Office until NOON TO-MORROW, (8th instant), for PUTTING a NEW TEAK-WOOD MAIN DECK into the Italian Barque "LOTHAIR." The Underigned do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any Tender.

For particulars, apply to
D. MUSSO & Co.,
Hongkong, 7th December, 1893.

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

THE SECOND CONCERT of the Season will be held on SATURDAY, the 9th December, at 9.15 P.M., in the THEATRE ROYAL. A. G. WISE, Esq., in the Chair.

JAMES A. LOWSON,
Hongkong, 6th December, 1893.

ITALIAN CONVENT ANNUAL BAZAAR.

THE ITALIAN CONVENT ANNUAL BAZAAR in aid of the POOR CHILDREN will be held in the CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 14th and 15th instant, at 9 A.M., and the Drawing will take place on the 16th at 10 A.M.

Persons desirous of tickets are requested to return the counterfoils not later than the 8th inst., so as to avoid mistakes.

Lady Superintendent earnestly solicits the support of the community on behalf of this deserving charitable enterprise.

Hongkong, 4th December, 1893.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

A GENERAL MEETING of the SOCIETY will be held in the CITY HALL, at NOON, on FRIDAY, 22nd December, 1893.

The Committee hope that all those who take any interest in the work of the Society will be present.

F. H. MASTER,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1893.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

NOTICE.

THERE are a FEW VACANCIES in the FIELD BATTERY. Gentlemen intending to join should do so no time in doing so, in order that they may be ready to take part in the ANNUAL GUN PRACTICE of the Corps.

Names should be sent in to the ACTING COMMANDANT, who will arrange for the necessary ballot being held. It is expected that the VOLUNTEER INSTITUTE (Reading and Recreation Room) will be opened in December. In connection with this, arrangements will be made for practice in Fencing, Singlestick, Boxing, &c.

F. JERRARD,
Acting Commandant,
H.K.V. Corps.

Headquarters Office,
Hongkong, 18th

and Means of the American House of Representatives, have decided to place silver, lead ore, and coal on a free list.

The English news is demanding the transfer of Swatow to the French.

BRISBANE, November 16th.
It is thought probable the cable between Thursday Island and the mainland will be found worthy of repair, in which case a new and less dangerous route will be sought.

From the 19th October to the close of that month, sixty-one messages were despatched to New Caledonia over the new cable and fifty-three received by the colonies from that place.

About fifty men are leaving the central district for Parapara on 21st month.

SYDNEY, November 16th.
Henry Teas, a furniture dealer, was sentenced in Sydney yesterday to six months' imprisonment for attempting to defraud his creditors by concealing his assets.

Thomas Playfair, M.L.A., and formerly Mayor of Sydney, died suddenly yesterday.

Richard Danks Legge, a clerk in the London Bank of Australasia in Sydney, has been arrested charged with stealing £300 belonging to the bank.

A deputation represented to the Mayor of Sydney yesterday the need of shelter to provide for the homeless population, and his Worship promised to throw open the exhibition building as a dormitory.

A Bill making notes a legal tender at the Head Office of the Bank in Sydney, was introduced in the New South Wales Assembly yesterday.

The brigantine *Isabel*, with a cargo of coal, has gone ashore in New Bay.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Bowen has returned to Sydney. He states his visit to the southern colonies was very satisfactory, but nothing has yet been decided with reference to the proposed Pacific cable conference.

LONDON, November 18th.
Serious differences have arisen between England and France over the creation of a buffer State between the recent French territorial acquisitions in Siam and British Burma, and at the present moment negotiations are practically at a deadlock. France is displaying a most unbecomingly spiteful and the situation is occasioning a great uneasiness.

The Earl of Elgin, who has accepted the Governor-Generalship of India, has been entertained at an official banquet on the eve of his departure from England. In responding to a toast, Lord Rosebery admitted that recent negotiations with both Russia and France upon the Indian frontier question had been very unavourable, and the situation was one calling for the exercise of patience and firmness in order to bring about an honourable and pacific solution.

The Government has sustained a most decided defeat owing to their action in opposing the incorporation of the principle of women suffrage in the Parliament Bill. An animated debate ended in the defeat of the Government by 20 votes.

MELBOURNE, November 18th.
The magistrical inquiry into the Mercantile Bank case has closed. Sir Matthew Davis and Messrs. Munz and Millidge have been committed for trial.

BRISBANE, November 18th.
Twelve Queensland labour unionists, who were committed to stand their trial for conspiracy in connection with the seamen's strike, and subsequently sentenced to three years' imprisonment, have been liberated. They have been accorded a big reception by the unionists.

ADELAIDE, November 18th.
The Hon. Mr. Justice Bowen, one of the Canadian Commissioners, has arrived in press interview that he considers Australian commerce capable of great development. He denounces the war of tariffs, and says he has found a strong feeling prevalent in favour of opening up trade with Canada.

SYDNEY, November 20th.
Most destructive storms have occurred in several districts in N.S.W. Wales. In one locality lamps of ice eight inches in circumference are reported to have fallen with a force sufficient to perforate the roofs of houses.

BRISBANE, November 20th.
A serious fire, damaging much of the cargo, has occurred on board the steamship *India*, lying at Brisbane. Inconceivable is suspected.

PERTH (W.A.), November 20th.
A serious fire has been caused at Coolgardie by news of the wild style in which claims are being offered off in Adelaide and Melbourne. The majority of the claims are said to be quite untested.

LONDON, November 20th.
Intelligence received from the mountainous region of the Vosges lying between Alsace and Lorraine, states that great tension exists between the garrisons and inhabitants of the Franco-German frontier that neighborhood, which has developed at any moment into an outbreak of hostilities.

The Paris *Figaro* has published an article in which it is only covered with secretly massing large bodies of troops in convenient positions for rapid concentration on the French frontier, and with making other underground preparations which can bear only one sinister interpretation.

M. Florens, speaking on the situation, contends that the march of events justifies the wisdom of the recent friendly overtures between France and Russia. He asserts that the action of France in permitting the Russian fleet with a port in the Mediterranean is necessary in the interests of both countries.

Letters from South Africa state that King Lobengula has succeeded in raising another Matabele army about eight thousand strong, with forty miles of Bulawayo, and further fighting is expected.

The great railway strike in the United Kingdom is settled. The news has been received with general relief. The strike has been one of the most prolonged and disastrous on record.

Military law has been declared at Chicago in consequence of the increasing frequency of the most daring outrages. This epidemic of crime is due to the stagnation of trade and the number of unemployed following the closing of the Exhibition, and to the fact that a good sprinkling of the criminal talent of the world has been drawn towards this common centre by the fame of the renowned show, and the prospects of robbing visitors.

Disastrous gales—pronounced to be the worst recorded during the past fourteen years—took place in the United Kingdom during the latter end of last week, resulting in the destruction of property and loss of life. Details to hand show that thirteen vessels have been totally wrecked on the English coast. The gale was accompanied by heavy rain, many of the railways being undermined by the flood waters. The force of the wind was such that several trains were derailed whilst attempting to cross exposed situations.

Further details to hand concerning the recent terrible gale in the United Kingdom show that the first accounts of its destructive effects were greatly underestimated. It would now appear to have been one of the most disastrous storms on record.

The hurricane was accompanied by dense snowstorms, and the snow drifts in many localities are of an unprecedented depth.

Over two hundred persons are reported to have been frozen to death.

The pier at Calais has been completely destroyed by the heavy seas.

A whole train lies buried beneath twenty feet of snow near Royston, and all traffic is temporarily at a standstill.

Up to the present time reports are to hand showing a total of one hundred and forty-four vessels driven ashore on different parts of the coast, and there is every reason to fear that many others have foundered.

The English Channel has been swept clean of ships for the moment, and the gale is now raging on the Continent.

The lifeboats performed grand service, but there has been a shocking loss of life.

Late South African news states that another battle between Matabele and the white troops is imminent. It is asserted that King Lobengula is satisfied with what he has seen of the machine guns, &c., and would willingly parley, but his savage warriors, infuriated by their many defeats and thirsting for revenge, demand that the fighting shall continue.

BRISBANE, November 22nd.
The Queensland Government has offered a reward of £150 for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons concerned in starting the configuration on board the steamship *India*.

ADELAIDE, November 22nd.
The barque *Royal Tar* is expected to arrive at Port Adelaide shortly, and will probably sail again about the 1st of December with two hundred and fifty men for the New Australia settlement in Paraguay. It is stated that the New Australia Association is so satisfied with the prospects ahead that they purpose buying or chartering another vessel in order to push on the work of transport. It is expected that at least three thousand souls will be located in the new settlement by the end of next year.

SYDNEY, November 23rd.
The second reading of Sir George Dibb's Bank Note Bill has been carried by 65 to 34. This makes notes payable at the head office only.

MELBOURNE, November 23rd.
The accountant who has been investigating the affairs of the South Melbourne Building Society has discovered that £40,000 belonging to the Society are unaccountably missing. Matthew Larkin, now serving sentence in prison, was formerly secretary.

LONDON, November 23rd.
King Lobengula's professed desire for a parley has proved only a subterfuge to throw the white men off their guard. The Company's forces have been attacked suddenly by a mass of Matabele warriors, who were beaten off with difficulty. Dr. Jamieson, general manager of the British Company's affairs in Matabeleland, is badly wounded.

The agitation re increasing the strength of the British navy continues, many of the highest authorities agreeing that immediate action in this direction is urgently necessary. Lord Charles Berkeford declares that eighteen millions sterling are required to bring the English navy up to a standard exceeding the present strength of the French and Russian navies combined.

Further severe gales have occurred in England, many more wrecks are reported. A sensational lifeboat rescue has occurred off Dover, wherein the crew of a fishing boat were saved after clinging to the rigging of their wrecked craft for fifty hours. The lifeboat was driven off by the terrific sea four different times, but the fifth attempt was successful.

A serious outbreak of influenza has taken place at Blackburn, in Lancashire. Over ten thousand persons have been attacked.

It is announced that a Tasmanian loan of £600,000 will be placed on the London market in January.

FOOCHOW NOTES.
Fochow, 2nd December, 1893.
A further fall of 20 cents per picul has taken place in rice, owing to fresh supplies from the northern ports.

Gold leaf is still on the rise being quoted this week at 24 per picul weight. We hear there are large orders in from Shanghai.

The Victoria is leaving to-day, by land, for Hong-hwa, Cheong-chow, Amoy, and other places on his tri-annual trip to inspect the troops and attend to other matters under his control in those ports.

The Literary Chancellor left on Sunday last for Hong-hwa and other neighbouring districts for the examinations of the 1st degree in those districts, which will begin on his Excellency's arrival.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that receipts or discharges for the payment of money into Court under district proceedings or by parties to suits, are to be exempt from stamp duty.

On Sunday last, near Limpo, the hearse of a coffin (with its contents) which was to be removed to a boat, missed their footing as they were embarking, and all fell into the river with their burden. One of the unfortunate bearers was drowned.

A Chinaman has been busily engaged in helping himself to poles from a raft in the river belonging to some Ningpo people, and succeeded in carrying away about 100 logs. Eventually he was caught in the act, delivered over to the authorities, and is now in gaol suffering punishment.

We reported last week that the Viceroy has published the usual proclamation cautioning the people to be careful to prevent fire and to do their best to apprehend incendiaries. Now, the immigrants have issued another proclamation to the same effect, signed by himself, offering a reward of \$30 for each criminal, should any of them be caught.

The sub-magistrate has also sent out another proclamation to the effect that he wishes all the street gates to be closed at 10 o'clock punctually every night and that all the opium-smoking dens and other public resorts must close before that time. Orders have been given to the runners to redouble their vigilance to prevent thieves or vagabonds roaming about the streets of the city during the day.

A sad story of a suicide reaches us from the city. On Monday last a maid-servant had taken her charge, a boy of two years of age, for a walk, and on their return it was found that the little boy's silver bangle was missing. As the girl would not or could not give any answer to her master's demand to know what had become of it, he chastised her and threatened further punishment unless the article was returned the following day. Early on the following day a neighbour came in to inform the master that his dead body had been found at the bottom of their well.—*Echo*.

SHANGHAI NOTES.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
Shanghai, November 20th.

The Viceroy Chang Chih-tung lately sent down one of his plenipotentiaries, an Envoy Extraordinary, to Shanghai, to raise funds; and for two months or more this gentleman has been trying all he knew to arrange a loan of 200,000 taels, to pay the claims arising out of the murder of the two Swedish missionaries at Suifu, or else to get his Cotton Cloth Mills going—it is not clear which of the two he has in mind.

Chang took a great fancy for sending despatches by telegraph to his embassy here, involving, of course, adequate replies through the same medium. The Viceroy's messages cost him nothing, but at this end the poor envoy had to pay cash down for his responses. Whether it

was a doubt of ever having these expenses funded by his treasury, or a diplomatic way of rebuking such extravagance, or actual absolute destitution—anyhow, the ambassador wired for money to pay for his long telegrams; and this had the effect of stopping the Viceroy's end. After waiting and waiting, without any sign from headquarters, the man left Shanghai and made his way back to Wuchang.

It is said that the loan just mentioned was to be repaid with many thousands of tons of ore which are expected to be found in Hupei! Hupei is said to be wonderfully rich in copper; but that has yet to be proved to the world.

Shanghai is enjoying very fine, dry weather, and plenty of fire; but our distinguished Extinguishers are so alert and efficient that the fires do not get a chance to burn up very much. However, they serve the purpose of driving trade in the insurance office; and business is also stimulated by the demand for houses, furniture, &c., to replace what the flames destroy. Even the corpse-carriers are a profit, when people are burnt enough to kill, but not too much to bury.

Fires are injurious, however, in consuming the water supply, which in the long dry season is none too plentiful. Some advocate that the Waterworks Company should turn over the concern to the Municipality, and that water should be supplied free to householders, the money to come out of the rates. This, however, appears in your Colony to have proved a bad system, as it abolishes all check on waste.

There is still, and has been for some time, a big lawsuit in progress in the Supreme Court here between Mr. E. Major, of Major Brothers, and Jardine, Matheson & Co. Good business for the lawyers!

The Creek has been quite crowded with boats from the interior lately, large numbers of country folk having come down to see the Jubilee celebrations, lay in their winter stores, and spend their money. There is ample room here for both visitors and money.

The extent of the Model Settlement increases with its years—not to mention wealth—and its buildings are gradually but steadily spreading towards Woosung on the one hand and Jiefail on the other. What a change from the old days, when there was nothing outside of the concessions!

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